



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

02 AUG 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

Ms. Simone Sugliani  
c/o Federico, via Zanardi No. 438  
cap 40131 Bologna  
ITALY

In re Application of  
SUGLIANI, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/554,193  
PCT No.: PCT/EP04/50595  
Int. Filing Date: 23 April 2004  
Priority Date: 24 April 2003  
Atty Docket No.: P/63988  
For: COUNTER-PUMPED DISTRIBUTED RAMAN  
AMPLIFICATION IN WAVELENGTH DIVISION  
MULTIPLEX OPTICAL COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEMS

Dear Ms. Sugliani:

You are named as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor. As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternately, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, the law firm of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of the appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Derek A. Putonen  
Attorney Advisor  
Office of PCT Legal Administration  
Tel: (571) 272-3294  
Fax: (571) 273-0459

Alan Israel  
Kirschstein, Ottinger, Israel & Schiffmiller, P.C.  
489 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10017  
United States of America